

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 711

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Parnassus Books on the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those estimable businesses that not only contribute to the economy of this State but also create community and serve as bastions of information, culture, and enlightenment; and

WHEREAS, Parnassus Books of Nashville celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2021, marking a decade of providing refuge for Nashvillians of all ages who share a love of the written word; and

WHEREAS, located in Suite 14 at 3900 Hillsboro Pike, the shop takes its name from Mount Parnassus, the home of literature, learning, and music in Greek mythology; this most befitting moniker has greeted patrons from Nashville and the world over as they enter upon a trove of literary, nonfiction, children's, local interest, and art selections; and

WHEREAS, as an independent bookseller, Parnassus provides a consciously curated, personal experience; the shop has an atmosphere and character all its own and hosts hundreds of author events throughout the year that connect world-renowned writers with a local readership; and

WHEREAS, since opening in 2011, Parnassus Books has been co-owned by acclaimed novelist Ann Patchett and her business partner, Karen Hayes; under the auspices of these capable and passionate proprietors, the store has expanded to include a satellite location at the Nashville International Airport in conjunction with Hudson Booksellers and an online magazine, *Musing*, which showcases Ann Patchett's blog, staff-picked reading lists, exclusive author interviews, shop dog diaries, and more; and

WHEREAS, Parnassus also sponsors two expertly curated book subscription programs, the First Editions Club for adult fiction and nonfiction and ParnassusNext for young adult titles; and

WHEREAS, along with the Southern Festival of Books and Nashville's remarkable public library system, Parnassus Books has helped to further cement Music City's status as a premier literary destination; and

WHEREAS, Parnassus Books is a Nashville treasure, a community touchstone that has enriched the lives of residents and visitors alike for a decade; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Parnassus Books on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, extending our congratulations to the owners, staff, and shop dogs and our best wishes for the bookstore's continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.